



Fairfield Weekly

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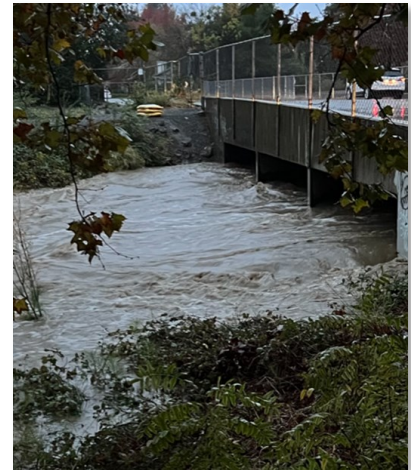
Infrastructure

Recent storms and effect on city's water sources

Last weekend's rain event helped boost levels at both lakes that the City of Fairfield relies on for water sources. Source water served in the city of Fairfield comes from the local watersheds of the Upper Putah Creek (Lake Berryessa) and the Northern Sacramento River Valley (Lake Oroville). While levels in both lakes saw incremental increases in storage, it will take several rain events to restore reservoirs to full capacity.

Since last weekend's rain event, the level at Lake Oroville rose 20 feet and continues to rise (representing approximately 25% full), with Lake Berryessa's level seeing an increase of four feet and rising (representing approximately 60% full). While it is only the beginning of the rainy season and we have good reason to remain optimistic, we will still publicly advocate voluntary conservation measures in accordance with the City's Water Shortage Contingency Plans.

Ledgewood Creek at Woolner



Green Valley Creek at Mangels



Atmospheric River event - October 24

A total of 8.1" of rain recorded in Fairfield (based on rain gauge at Fairfield Suisun Sewer District)

- 7.55" on October 24
- 0.55" on October 25

PW Operations received more than 70 unique calls for service thru PD Dispatch

- PD Dispatch and Public Works Operations staff communicated with a high level of efficiency throughout the event
- Calls for service from PD began coming in at 3:00 am the morning of Oct. 24 and continued late through that evening
- PW Operations responded with five two-person crews throughout the day
- FD opened EOC (Level 1) at approximately 4:00 pm on Oct. 24



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Temporary closures

The following areas were temporary closed due to hazardous conditions, in coordination with PD:

- SR-12 Jefferson St. offramp - closed by CalTrans at request of PW Operations
- Air Base Parkway between Heath Dr. and Dover Ave. - Air Base Parkway under N. Texas flooded due to FSSD's pumps inability to handle water volume
- Southbound N. Texas at Armijo curve – closed # 2 lane
- Holiday Lane - 1500 block
- Rockville Hills Regional Park

All road closures were reopened on the morning of October 25. Rockville Hills Park was scheduled to remain closed through Thursday, October 28, to allow staff to remove fallen trees from trails and allow water to dissipate from trails so they are passable.

All City drainage system infrastructure appears to be free of storm-related damage.



Post-storm event activities



- Street-sweeping of downtown area south of Texas St.
- Illinois St. to Ohio St. & Pennsylvania Ave. to Union Ave.
- Collect and remove all previously placed barricades and associated traffic control devices
- Assess creek culverts for storm-related debris and erosion
- Restock sand and sandbags in preparation for the next storm event
- Confirm all problematic storm drain inlets are cleared of debris

Changes to green fees pricing at City's golf courses

In June 2021, the City Manager informed City Council of the intent to modify existing rates charged for green fees at the City's golf courses. Since June 2021, City staff has been working with the operator (KemperSports) and the City's Golf Advisory Board (GAB) to devise a best-fit approach to keeping the City's Golf Enterprise Fund solvent for future years.





Public Works Continued-



In October 2021, GAB unanimously approved staff's recommendation for changing the existing rates charged for green fees. On November 16, City staff will seek approval to change the existing rates for green fees from a static price model to a demand-based price model, which will allow the operator the ability to incrementally increase the price of green fees up to an amount not to exceed 20% more than the posted adopted fee schedule. The City will maintain its expectation that KemperSports balance the intended effects of increasing revenue with customer loyalty and retention strategies (i.e. maximize the yield on available tee times).

Community Development

Building Safety Division

Current state of permit activity

So far, this fiscal year, the Building Safety Division has seen a decline in overall permit activity. New permit activity has fluctuated over the last four months and lately seems to have leveled off. Although, new project submittals are down 5% when compared to the same period last year.

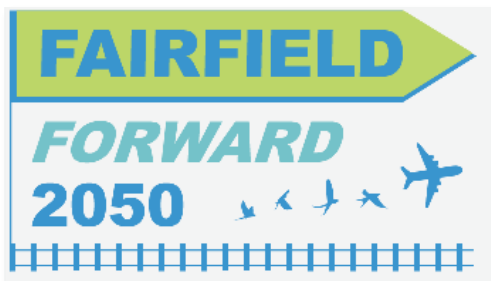
The biggest decline is in new issued permits, which are down 13% compared to the same period last year. The majority of the decline is in new residential solar permits and new housing starts. The division has issued 93 fewer new home permits this fiscal year. At this time, it appears that finding qualified construction workers and supply chain issues are the biggest factors in the decline. However, the Division has seen a slight increase in large projects. As a result, the Division's revenues are currently up 4% over the same time last year.



Planning Commission meeting of October 27

At its meeting on Wednesday, the Planning Commission reviewed two items:

Fairfield General Plan Update. The Commission reviewed three proposed alternative land plan concepts for the General Plan Update and provided input on their preferences. Approximately 40 persons provided public comments, with the bulk of comments opposed to proposals in each alternative for city boundary expansion between the Central Fairfield and Cordelia portions of the city. The City Coun-



Community Development continued -

cil is scheduled to review the alternatives at its meeting this Tuesday, November 2. The project team will provide detail on the Planning Commission input during the staff presentation.

Train Station Specific Plan, Planning Area 5. The commission unanimously approved the Master plan for Planning Area 5 and considered the second half of the One Lake project in northeast Fairfield. The commission also approved a subdivision map for the project. Commission approvals are contingent upon the council approving a small set of amendments to the Train Station Specific Plan that apply to Planning Area 5, and recommended the council approve the amendments. This item is scheduled for council review at its first meeting in December.



HOUSING SERVICES DEPARTMENT

The Fairfield Housing Authority (FHA) is proud to announce that Jessica Payne is approaching her graduation from the Tenant Based Rental Assistance (TBRA) program in December of 2021. Jessica is a single mother of five that joined the program in 2019. The FHA provided her with a security deposit and rental assistance at about 85% of her rent. She initially obtained a job working for a childcare center.



During the pandemic, she lost that job and was without adequate means to take care of herself and her family. Instead of giving up, she went to work part time in May of 2021, and spent the rest of her time completing the requirements to obtain her license to run her own childcare business. She is now a proud business owner making almost \$6,000 a month.

She is ecstatic about the help and assistance she received through the TBRA program. She used the opportunity as a bridge to secure basic needs for her family while she forged a path for long term sustainability. FHA staff is proud of Jessica and happy to celebrate her graduation.

Quality of Life

Housing First Solano facilitates 3rd Lived Experienced Advisory Committee meeting

Staff in Homeless Services serves on the Executive Board of Housing First Solano Continuum of Care (CoC). On October 27, 2021, the CoC Executive Board facilitated the third homeless Lived Experienced Advisory Committee (LEAC) meeting. The LEAC will meet bi-monthly to discuss action items that ensure the leadership and inclusion of those with current or past lived experience of homelessness within the continuum of care system. The committee shared their ideas on ways to ampli-





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fy the voices of lived expertise in the policymaking and procurement processes to help shape a more effective system. This committee will enhance Homeless Services' efforts to meet actual need, thus increasing opportunity for success.

Homeless Services continues to increase funding for Fairfield Homelessness Since 2018

The Homeless Services Division (formerly known as the Quality-of-Life Division) has secured numerous federal, state, and local grants to meet much needed community needs. HSD has run several procurement processes, conducted proper grant monitoring and reporting, and spearheaded program development and oversight for secured funding. Below is a list of grants secured by HSD since 2018:

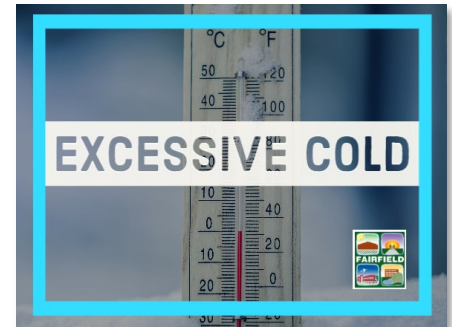


GRANT	AMOUNT
2021 CDBG The Way Home Program (<i>federal</i>)	\$ 50,000
2021 Permanent Local Housing Allocation (<i>state</i>)	\$ 607,595
2021 Emergency Solutions Grant – COVID-19 2 (ESG CV2) (<i>state</i>)	\$3,500,000
2020 CARES Funding for BayNorth COVID-19 Emergency Shelter (<i>federal</i>)	\$ 575,000
2020 Permanent Local Housing Allocation (<i>state</i>)	\$ 390,910
2020 Emergency Solutions Grants (ESG Non-Competitive and Competitive) (<i>state</i>)	\$ 313,142
2020 DOJ BJA COVID Emergency Supplemental Funding Program (Fire/Homeless Services) (<i>federal</i>)	\$ 113,806
2020 CDBG CARES for SHELTER Solano Beds (<i>federal</i>)	\$ 206,708
2020 Homeless Youth Initiative (<i>state</i>)	\$ 200,000
Continuum of Care, Emergency Solutions Grant for Rapid Rehousing (<i>federal</i>)	\$ 124,000
2019 Emergency Solutions Grant for Emergency Shelter (<i>state</i>)	\$ 200,000
2019 Continuum of Care Rapid Rehousing (<i>federal</i>)	\$ 62,299
2018 Continuum of Care (<i>federal</i>)	\$ 61,055
2018 No Place Like Home (MidPen – Fairhaven Commons) (<i>state</i>)	\$4,737,303
2018 Partnership Health Plan (includes MidPen – Fairhaven Commons) (<i>non-profit</i>)	\$4,863,964

Quality of Life Continued -

Homeless Services to explore regional warming & cooling centers for homeless

Last week, the Regional Homeless Working Group met to discuss various issues, including the need for warming and cooling centers throughout Solano County. With the recent “Bomb Cyclone” bringing record rainfall to Fairfield, it was apparent that Solano County does not have a system in place to provide emergency shelter for such an occasion. The working group plans to explore a cost-effective, efficient, and consistent plan that can be rolled out county-wide.



Parks & Recreation



Preschool Program celebrates 50 years of learning!

On Thursday, October 21, the City of Fairfield Preschool Program celebrated 50 years of nurturing, educating, and supporting the youth of Fairfield. Over the past 50 years, the program has served thousands of students on their journey from babyhood to elementary school with the program priding itself on creating an environment where children are free to grow, learn, and play!

The celebration took place at the Fairfield Community Center and was open to all current and past preschool families. The night started with an introduction by Program Specialist, Belinda Lucero, where she gave a brief history of the program and thanked the wonderful preschool staff and participants for their dedication to the program. The introduction was followed by a performance by the current preschool classes and a chance for kids to participate in the preschool carnival set up in Willow Hall! Families visited a variety of fun stations run by preschool teachers to win prizes for ring toss, giant bowling, basketball and more!

With over a hundred people in attendance, it was wonderful to see the reunion of current and past students, teachers, and families. One family was there with their three sons, ages five, seven, and eight, who all attended the preschool program in the past. “It was a wonderful place to send my children,” the mother said. “I always knew that they were safe and loved when I dropped them off at preschool.”

As the Preschool program continues to grow and evolve within the current climate of early childhood education, the Parks & Recreation Department looks forward to the next 50 years of learning!





Public Safety



Increasing Multi Modal Safety

On October 24, officers worked through a torrential rainstorm. After assisting in the rescue of a woman trapped in the flood waters near Beck Avenue, they responded to countless reports of flooding. Officers closed roads and assisted motorists whose cars became disabled in high water. They endured the driving rain for the entire day, working tirelessly to keep our citizens safe.

In the evening of October 27, Officer Parodi with the Traffic Unit witnessed two vehicles racing on Airbase Parkway. Officer Parodi clocked one of the vehicles at 122 miles per hour. Officer Parodi obtained a warrant to seize the vehicle for 30 days and the driver was cited for reckless driving.



Increase Trust and Community Engagement

This photo was captured by a Fairfield resident after witnessing Officer Whipple, with our Homeless Intervention Team, working with a woman who is currently experiencing homelessness. Officer Whipple coordinated with Adult Protective Services and a local chaplain to get the woman into temporary shelter.



NEW FIREFIGHTERS

Over the past four months, the Fairfield Fire Department has hired eight new firefighter/paramedics. These new firefighters are all lateral firefighters, meaning that they were firefighters at another department and chose to come to work for Fairfield Fire.

We have had two separate five-week academies: the first with six members, and the second academy had two new firefighters. The two-member academy is graduating today and will be working on a Fairfield Fire engine in the next few days.

We would like to take the opportunity to let you meet and learn a little bit about each of our new firefighter/paramedics. Welcome to the department!



Jake Cliff

My name is Jake Cliff and I grew up in Antioch, CA. I currently live in Sacramento with my wife and two-year old daughter. I have been a career firefighter for about six years, my last three with the San Rafael Fire Department. I am excited to be part of the team here serving the city of Fairfield!



Public Safety—continued

NEW FIREFIGHTERS—continued

Dylan Groner

My name is Dylan Groner. I was born and raised in Vacaville, am married to my lovely wife and we have five kids. Most of my down time is usually spent with my family that live in Vacaville. I worked for the City of Folsom's Fire Department for three years. I'm looking forward to being able to serve my home community.



Meghan Reid

My name is Meghan Reid. I grew up in El Dorado County where I now live with my daughter, Remi. I spend most of my time chasing my toddler and enjoying the outdoors. I lateraled from Newport Beach Fire Department and am so grateful for the opportunity to now work for the City of Fairfield.

Nick Morgado

My name is Nick Morgado. I was born in Vallejo but grew up in Fairfield. I've been married to my wife for two years. In my free time, I coach CrossFit at Interchange Athletics and enjoy spending time with my friends and family. Before coming to FFD, I worked for Contra Costa Fire Protection District for a little over two years. Prior to that, I was a reserve for FFD while working at Medic Ambulance. I am honored and excited to be back in my hometown to serve and help my community.



Logan Lanza

My name is Logan Lanza. I was born and raised here in Fairfield, and I am excited to serve the community I grew up in. I worked for Berkeley Fire, where I spent the first three years of my career. I currently live in Winters with my fiancé. On my off days, I enjoy anything outdoors, including hunting, fishing, and all sports.





Public Safety—continued



NEW FIREFIGHTERS—continued

Brandon Mihelich

My name is Brandon Mihelich. I was born and raised in Vacaville, where I grew up with my parents and two brothers. I currently live in Vacaville with my wife, Rachel, and our dog, Cooper. During my free time, I like to hang out with friends, golf, and be outdoors. Before Fairfield, I worked for the Cosumnes Fire Department for three years. I'm glad to be back home to work alongside the men and women that raised me in the fire service.



Bryan Rose

My name is Bryan Rose. I was born in Fairfield and grew up in both Fairfield and Vacaville. I live in Dixon with my wife and two kids. My spare time is spent with family and pretending like I know how to golf! I last worked for Sonoma County Fire District for three years. I'm glad to be back home and serving my community.

Chris Engell

My name is Chris Engell, born and raised in Fairfield, married to my wife of four years and we have one son. I previously worked for the City of Vallejo Fire Department for two years. I'm looking forward to being able to serve my hometown and the community that helped raise me. In my downtime, I enjoy all sports, and fitness, but mostly spending time with my family.



Organizational Stability -

Finance

Fairfield Property Tax Summary FY 2021-22

While the COVID-19 pandemic delayed home and property sales in the 2020 calendar year, it did not significantly impact growth most communities experienced. This was largely due to transfer of ownership as reflected in FY 2021-22. The stay-at-home orders and business closures and economic impacts did, however, impact the overall growth experiences as the annual CPI granted was 1.036%, roughly half the growth usually seen from the growth indicator.



Organizational Stability — Continued

Finance

New construction in process continues as this sector did not see a decline in Fairfield, however, the shortages of building supplies did influence growth in new construction starts in the second half of the year. The year-over-year value increase citywide was \$413.3 million an increase of 2.6%. This is almost twice the year-to-year value change as was seen last year and the percent change was 4.9% and the dollar growth was \$735.3 million higher.

Marketing & Outreach Division (MOD)

What to watch for on Channel 26!



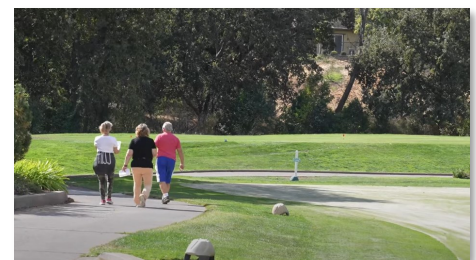
What's Good Fairfield? - 3 Restaurant:

Meet Francisco, and find out the meaning behind his restaurant's unique name. Three is fairly new to the downtown and offers a diverse menu with a twist on tried and true favorites. Three also features 16 beers on tap and live music every Friday, so bring the whole family and come enjoy a great time!



MOD visits Stride and Ride event:

Learn about the City of Fairfield's first annual Stride and Ride event! This free event was an opportunity for Fairfield residents to explore Paradise Valley Golf Course by either walking or biking the course.



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